

This study deals with the process of Europeanization of political parties in Serbia and in Montenegro after the fall of Milošević's authoritarian regime. The work is structured into four chapters. The first chapter is concerned with the concept of Europeanization, defines its key characteristics and explains the main specifics of Europeanization in post-communist Europe and in the Western Balkans. The second chapter offers a brief description of relevant political parties and party systems in Serbia and in Montenegro. The third chapter focuses on the activity of EU in these countries. It outlines the history of bilateral relations EU-Serbia and EU-Montenegro and also the role of EU in the relations between Serbia and Montenegro. Another topic of this chapter are the instruments that are used by the EU to Europeanize the Western Balkans. It is primarily the political and economical conditionality of the EU membership. The last chapter analyses the Europeanization of political parties based on Robert Ladrech's concept that defines its five areas: 1) party programmes, 2) organizational structure, 3) party system, 4) party-government relations and 5) relations beyond the national party system. A special attention is dedicated to the research of nature of the changes that take place in consequence of EU integration of both countries.